

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia (CDH) occurs when a baby's diaphragm fails to fully form, resulting in the movement of abdominal organs, such as intestines, stomach, and liver, into the chest cavity and preventing lung growth; and

WHEREAS, CDH is a birth defect with no known cause or prevention; and

WHEREAS, CDH has a high rate of mortality with roughly 50 percent of babies born with CDH surviving after birth; and

WHEREAS, CDH occurs in approximately 1 in 2,500 births, with over 1,600 babies diagnosed each year in the United States alone; and

WHEREAS, children with CDH often endure multiple surgeries and medical complications beyond their diagnosis that include heart defects, pulmonary complications, gastric and intestinal problems, developmental delays, and may require respiratory and medicinal support for years; and


WHEREAS, raising awareness of this congenital defect will help bring about acceptance and support for CDH patients and their families and will help advocate for urgently needed research and medical advances;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim April 2022 as

“CONGENITAL DIAPHRAGMATIC HERNIA AWARENESS MONTH”

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join me in raising awareness of CDH and the need for more medical research and advances to help bring about support and hope for affected families.

Done at the State Capitol in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this nineteenth day of April 2022.



DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i